

To Qain Shea from Harold Weisberg, supplement to Oliver Patterson memo of 8/10/78
earlier today and prior memos

While I did refer to the flap potential I am uneasy about the possibility of the FBI once again misrepresenting and distorting what I might report to the Department. When in 1969 I gave LSD accurate reporting of what came to be known only much later as Cointelpro the FBI covered its ass by defaming me with a vicious fabrication.

Jerry Ray phoned me about 1 a.m. My wife answered the phone. When I picked up an extension my wife remained on the phone. I wrote you earlier before she was up. Since then I have consulted her recollection about what I did not include, some details.

All Jerry Ray knows about what happened to him is what Oliver Patterson later told him. Whether or not Patterson, working for the FBI, slipped Jerry knockout drops in the vodka, Patterson, the same FBI informer, says that when he had Jerry in the car, passed out cold, he was stopped by another car cutting him off. Supposedly the occupants of that car kept Patterson inside his car while they beat Jerry with chains. Through this beating Jerry did not regain consciousness. He did not come to until he was in the hospital.

My first source on this was a reporter who asked for my help. He has at least two other sources, not mine. One is Patterson, who claims he also was beaten, but not such. He said nothing about Jerry being unconscious. This appears to be the first matter he does not claim having been told to do by some official.

Jerry's sister recalls the beating and the hospitalization. This is independent of Jerry. She did not know where Jerry was when she and I spoke last night.

The beating was about six year ago, when Patterson was working for the FBI.

Patterson has also gone around showing off how he was wired for sound. With tape recorder. So I presume there are tapes somewhere.

While none of this is of my own personal knowledge there appears to be no doubt that Jerry Ray was beaten up, in the presence of if not with the participation of an FBI informer, with sufficient damage to require hospitalization, and no record is included in those provided in response to my request or the statements made to the court. A relevant record appears to have been stolen for the FBI by its informer and that also is withheld. I regard these as serious matters and not only in FOIA context.